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Hey, Boomers...

STC gives it to you straight this issue in the shape of a fab **FREE** Sonic Ruler - now there's no excuse for

wobbly lines in your maths books (you humes have all the fun!). Other goodies include the beginning of **THREE** new stories - so come closer...

First off, Sonic gets a call to help prevent pollution on a massive scale in **Crisis In The Chemical Plant Zone**.

On the Tails front, a series of robberies have taken place in the Eldorado Zone. Now Darts Champion, Eric Bungalow is the latest citizen to be pilfered from, and no prizes for guessing who gets accused in the concluding part of **Fall of The Leaf**.

It's way past Chuck's bedtime at Castle Frank M Stein but he's too excited to sleep! Yes, he's turned secret snack attacker in part one of a brand new Decap Attack story (well, could

you resist Barbecued Gibbon flavour Slurp A Cheese - I should hope so!).

Amy and Tekno are trying to find their way back to Planet Mobius after their recent adventure in space. However, their sense of direction's gone askew as they begin another new adventure, entitled **Earthbound**.

Plus, there's a sharp **Metallix Mark 1 Pin-Up**, plus your **Metal Gurus Graphic Zone** artwork.

So Boomers, meet me here again in two weeks, when they'll be a chance to win one of **five** terrific bikes (see below). STC - the comic you never tyre of!

Megadroid

CAN YOU HANDLE STC 115's WHEELY GOOD COMPO?

How many of you have been told to get on your bike? More than a few no doubt, and next issue you get the chance to do just that in a red hot compo which sees not one, but **five** Mountain bikes up for grabs; plus, you can also win the essential safety gear too!

So make sure you make like greased lightning and head for your newsagents on the first day of October!



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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

CRISIS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE

NEW
PART 1

Script: NICK KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELLIS Lettering: TOM PRAME

THE CONTROL CENTRE OF THE
EMERALD HILL VILLAGE.

SONIC, THERE'S A MESSAGE
COMING IN... IT'S A CALL FOR
HELP FROM THE CHEMICAL
PLANT ZONE!

OKAY,
KINTOBOR,
PUT IT ON
THE SCREEN!

THAT'S THE ODD
THING - WHOEVER'S
TRYING TO CONTACT US
IS ONLY TRANSMITTING
AUDIO!

WE HAVE A SERIOUS MALFUNCTION...
WE'RE FACING A MAJOR ECOLOGICAL
DISASTER HERE... POLLUTION ON A
MASSIVE SCALE!

SONIC, WE NEED
YOUR HELP!

WHY DIDN'T THEY USE A
VIDEO CONNECTION? THIS
COULD BE A TRAP!

COOL IT, TAILS. WITH ROBOTNIK OUT
OF THE PICTURE WE'VE GOT NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT... LET'S GO!

CLICK!

SOON, IN THE SKIES ABOVE
THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...

SONIC, DO YOU REALLY
THINK THE CHEMICAL
PLANT PEOPLE CAN TURN
THIS ZONE INTO AN
ENVIRONMENTALLY
FRIENDLY AREA?

I DON'T KNOW,
BUT THEY'VE GOT
TO TRY!

MOBIOUS
STILL NEEDS ITS
INDUSTRIES IF IT'S
GOING TO PROSPER!

LATER...

THE
CHEMICAL
PLANT
ZONE:
WORKING
FOR A
CLEANER
FUTURE!

THE DIRECTORS
WILL SEE YOU NOW,
GENTLEMEN.

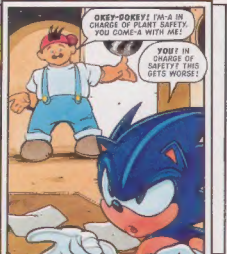
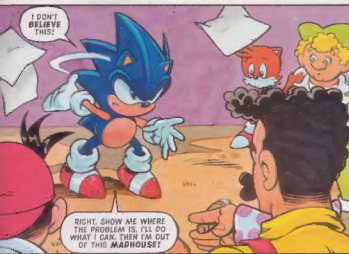
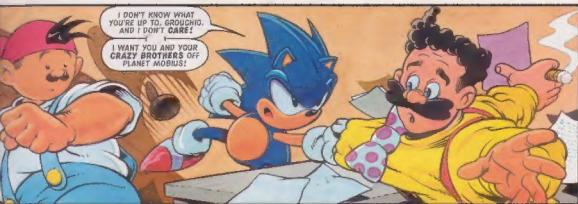
HEY, IT'S
ABOUT TIME...
I THOUGHT
THIS WAS AN
EMERGENCY!

NO, IT CAN'T BE!
NOT THEM!

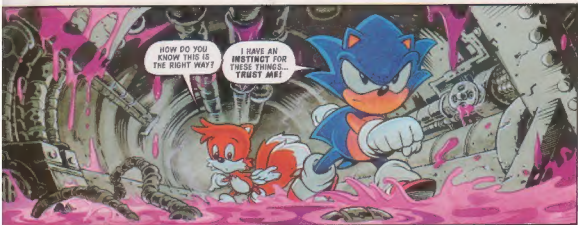
IT'S THE
MARXIO
BROTHERS!

SEE, CHICIO? I TOLD
YOU THE HEDGEHOG
WOULD BE PLEASED
TO SEE US!

HE DON'T LOOK-A
SO HAPPY TO ME,
BOSS!








A comic book panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog and Tails the Fox. Sonic is sitting in a pool of thick, pink, gooey slime. Tails is floating in the air above him, looking down with a concerned expression. The background is filled with more of this pink substance.

SONIC, ARE YOU OKAY?

NEVER BETTER,
PAL!

A close-up comic book panel of Sonic the Hedgehog. He has a dazed, dizzy expression on his face, with his eyes closed and a wobbly mouth. He is surrounded by the same pink, gooey substance seen in the previous panels.

I WISH THAT WERE TRUE! THESE CREATURES
ARE MADE OF ROBOTNIK'S MEGA MACK...
ANY MORE OF THIS AND I'M GOING TO WIND
UP SERIOUSLY POISONED!

I'M ALREADY
FEELING DIZZY!

A wide comic book panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog running through a vast, chaotic sea of pink, gooey slime. He is leaving a trail behind him. Tails is visible in the background, also running. The scene is dynamic with motion lines.

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE
A LITTLE TASTE OF MY
SONIC SPEED!

AAAAA!

A comic book panel showing Sonic and Tails. Sonic is in the foreground, looking back over his shoulder with a determined but slightly worried expression. Tails is behind him, also looking back. They are completely surrounded by the thick, pink, gooey substance.

WE ARE NOT
SOLID LIKE YOU...
YOU CANNOT
DESTROY US!

SONIC WILL FIND
A WAY TO BEAT
YOU!

A comic book panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog running away from the viewer, deeper into the pink, gooey substance. He is looking back over his shoulder. Tails is visible in the background, also running. The scene is framed by a double-line border.

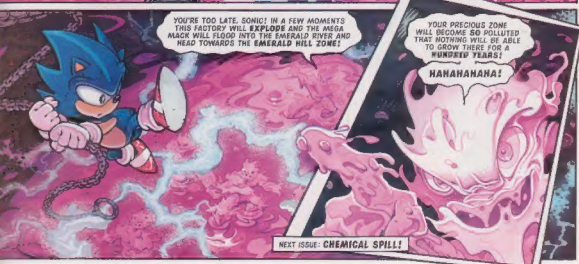
HEY... MAYBE
THEY'RE NOT AS
TOUGH AS WE
THOUGHT, THEY'RE
TRYING TO GET
AWAY!

SOME CHANCE!
LET'S GET AFTER
THEM, TAILS.



WOW...
LOOK AT THIS
PLACE!

YEP! IF ANYWHERE
IS DUE TO BLOW UP,
THIS IS THE PLACE
ALL RIGHT!



YOU'RE TOO LATE, SONIC! IN A FEW MOMENTS
THIS FACTORY WILL **EXPLODE** AND THE MEGA
MACK WILL FLOOD INTO THE EMERALD RIVER AND
HEAD TOWARDS THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!

YOUR PRECIOUS ZONE
WILL BECOME SO POLLUTED
THAT NOTHING WILL BE ABLE
TO GROW THERE FOR A
HUNDRED YEARS!

HAHAHAHAHA!

NEXT ISSUE: **CHEMICAL SPILL!**

THE ELDORADO ZONE, WHERE A SERIES OF ROBBERIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE! DART'S CHAMPION ERIC BUNGALOW RETURNS HOME TO FIND...

MY 21-CARAT GOLD TROPHY! GONE!

THERE'S THE LOUSY THIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS!

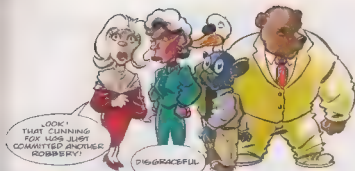
HEY! TAILS HAS PINCHED MY TROPHY!

OH NO I DIDN'T!

tails

Part 2
Fall of the Leaf

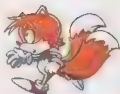
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LOOK!
THAT CUNNING
FOX WAS JUST
COMMITTED ANOTHER
ROBBERY!

DISGRACEFUL

IT
WASN'T ME!
I'M OVER
HERE!



SO?
YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN A FAST
MOVER

LOOK
WAM UP AND
THROW AWAY
THE KEY!

STRONG
STUFF



COME ON,
FOLKS I'M A
FREEDOM FIGHTER!
WHY WOULD I TURN
TO CRIME?

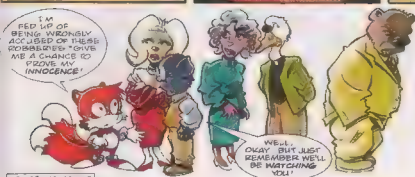
MAYBE
SOCIETY
MADE YOU
DO IT!

I
BLAME THE
PARENTS!



GOT HIM!
I CAPTURED
TAILS! WHERE'S
MY REWARD?

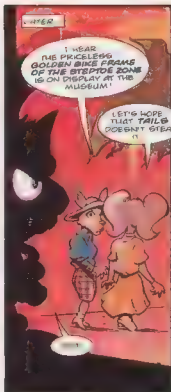
I COULD
ESCAPE BUT
THAT WOULD ONLY
MAKE ME LOOK
GUILTY!



I'M
FED UP OF
BEING WRONGLY
ACCUSED OF THESE
ROBBERIES! GIVE
ME A CHANCE TO
PROVE MY
INNOCENCE!

WELL,
OKAY BUT JUST
REMEMBER WE'LL
BE WATCHING
YOU!

*SINCE LAST ISSUE
-Megadroid





AFTER
ALL THE MESS
YOU'VE CAUSED ME,
I'M NOT LETTING
YOU GET AWAY
NOW!




MY
MECHANICAL
WINGS CAN OUTFLY
YOUR PATHETIC
TAILS ANY
DAY!

WE'LL SEE!



ADMIT
IT, TAILS. YOU'RE
OUTLAID!

AT LEAST
I'M NOT AN
OUTLAW!

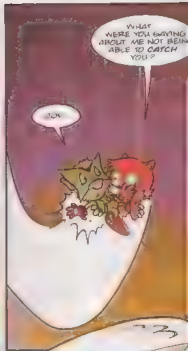
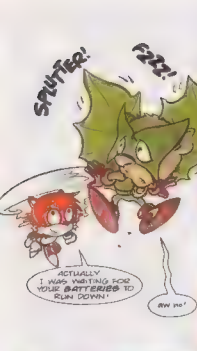


IT WAS
FUN WHEN YOU WERE
BLAMED FOR MY CRIMES,
BUT THE WORLD SHOULD
KNOW THAT THE LEAF IS
THE MOST BRILLIANT
UNSTOPPABLE THIEF OF
ALL TIME!



HAH!
WHY NOT GIVE
UP? YOU'RE TOO
TIRED TO CATCH
ME NOW!

GASP!



THE END

NEXT ISSUE A NEW TAILS ADVENTURE - WEATHER BEATEN!



TYNE OUT

Dear Megadroid

I've been collecting *STC*'s nice issue as I thoroughly enjoy it. However, I seem to me that not many homes from the north east of England send in letters.

Jake Campbell,
South Shields, Tyne & Wear.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



Why no Jake. On the other hand, perhaps a large percentage are too busy writing letters of comment on a Kenny Dalglish alternative creator name. Huge amount could be blocking up your post boxes with his scripts and artwork!



Carren Wiltshire, Burnwood, Staffs
Enamel Badge Prize Winner



Dear *STC*

I have never seen such stories in a comic. They read like a real life story. I agree, one of them even tried to make his own *STC* but was nowhere near as good as the real thing. The only thing I'm miffed about is that I don't know how Doctor Robotnik's sidekick Crimer came on the *STC* scene.

David Mulgrew,
Swadlincoat, Derbyshire.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



James Kent
Eccleston, Fylford, Worcs
Enamel Badge Prize Winner

VIDEO NASTY

Dear *STC*

I thought I'd share with you my idea of a great evening in - I'd put my feet up and settle down to watch a favourite video which would be something called either 'Sonic's Death' or 'Sonic Eats Amy'. Incidentally Tails is a big puff. Scott A Hudson,
(age 98),
Colne, Lancs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



Would these be bootleg videos, Scott? As for Tails, it's true things can get rather windy once his tails start propelling!



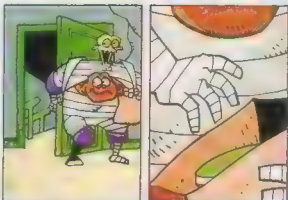
STC's Nigel Kitching has a good idea of the name 'Grimy Worm' - a character created back in the 1920s by a writer. Illustrator called Mevyn Peck. Never at a loss to say 'Gard' that *STC* isn't educational and we do, enjoyable.



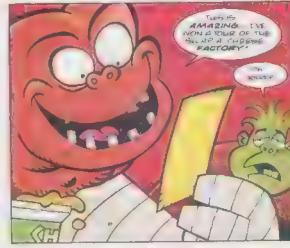
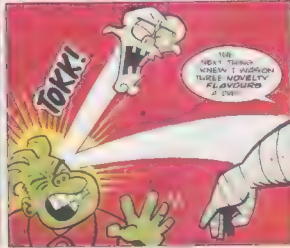
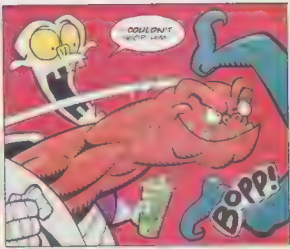
Decap Attack

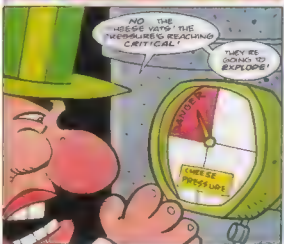
**CHUCK
AND THE
CHEESE
FACTORY**

Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYMEN Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELITTA FELL





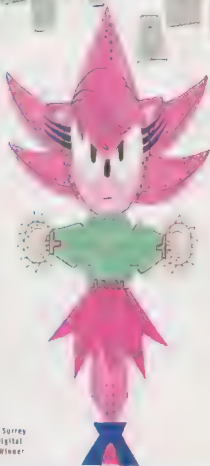




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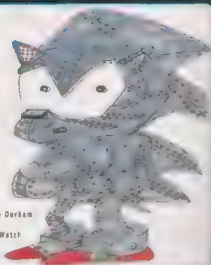
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Sonic Digital
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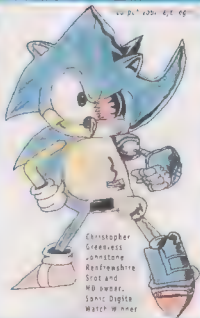
Martin Daniel
Sutton in Ashfield,
Nottinghamshire
MD owner
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Watch Winner



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Kevin Luff,
Darlington, Co Durham
GG owner
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Winner.



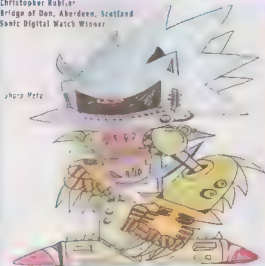


Christopher
Green
Johnstone
Renfrewshire
Soc and
MD owner,
Sonic Digital
Watch Winner



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Grant-on Spey
Moray, Scotland
MD user
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Christopher Rublar
Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, Scotland
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John C. Sp...



Toby Pearce
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address details
Sonic Digital
Watch Winner



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EARTHBOUND

Script: LEW STIMBERG D & W art: JOJO BOONAMA Colors: ADAM M BOONAB Lettering: TBM PRODUCTIONS

AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY
ARE TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY
BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS AFTER
AN ADVENTURE IN DEEP SPACE

GODD OF THOSE ALIENS TO
GIVE US THIS SPACESHIP
AND A MAP EH, AMY?"

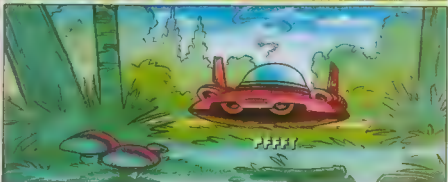
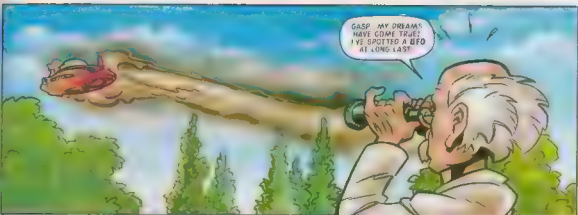
AMMM, BUT HERE'S
THE BAD NEWS, TEKNO
WE'RE LOST!

*THE GINERBODS DONATION HAPPENED BETWEEN ISSUES
BEFORE YOU ASK, BOONABERS... Megadroid

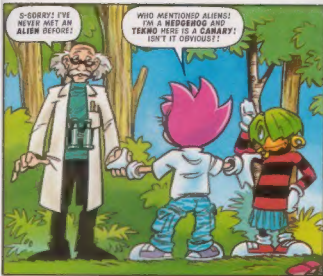
MAYBE WE
SHOULD STOP
AT THAT BLUE
PLANET FOR
DIRECTIONS!

OOFF! HOPE THE HEAT SHIELDS
ON THIS THING CAN COPE WITH
ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE!

I JUST HOPE MY
STOMACH CAN
COPE! THIS LOOKS
SET TO BE A
BUMPY LANDING!









NEXT ISSUE: EARTHBOUND CONTINUES!

NEXT ISSUE...

WIN A GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE PLUS SAFETY EQUIPMENT



FIVE FIND THEIR WAY TO *STC's* FAB COMPO

**NEW
STORY**

TAILS

WEATHER-BEATEN?

SONIC

MEGATOX MARX HIS CARD

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LET'S GET READY TO CRUMBLE!

AMY & TEKNO

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